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MGFA-2158

SPD attitude on West-German state; Schumacher's views on blockade negotiations

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Evaluation: ORE.

Schumacher's remarks on SPD policy toward a possible all-German settlement represent the official public party position in this reference. Of far greater value would be information gathered through this and/or other sources regarding Schumacher's opinions as to the likelihood of an all-German settlement, and concrete SPD plans in the event that such a settlement were achieved through western concessions exceeding those possible within the limits of the SPD position. The first sentence in paragraph 1 is undoubtedly quite accurate and not merely the "party line."

"	MGB-8456	Brandenburg annual report on motor transport	LO
"	MGB-8435	Statistics and letters from Brandenburg Economic Ministry	ND--of little interest

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Source	Report No.	Subject	Disposition
CAMLET	MGB-8484	German Socialist Party draft of new Grundgesetze	D

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Evaluation: ORE.

Information is out of date. There has been a deplorable failure to accord even minimum intelligence coverage to the Bonn Council, the draft constitution and SPD activities, particularly the latter. In spite of advance publicity no attempt appears to have been made to cover the SPD conference on 20 April, and certainly no report has been received by this office on that subject. Events of such obvious importance should be covered as a matter of course. This office would prefer more reliable information than that furnished by N.Y. Herald Tribune and N.Y. Times correspondents.

"	MGB-8428	Distribution of tractors from Soviet Union	ND--trivial
"	MGB-8317	Minutes of Transport Planning Conference	LO
"	MGB-8292	Meeting of Brandenburg Foreign Trade officials	ND--trivial
"	MGB-8255	Freight depots, Brandenburg	ND--trivial
"	MGB-8246	Lack of money to pay for lumber shipments	ND--trivial
"	MGB-8245	Allocation and delivery of materials, Brandenburg	ND--outdated
"	BRIN 1644	Denial of SPD-Eastern Zone Rapprochement	LD

Evaluation: ORE.

Para 1: While such rumors probably will occur with increasing frequency, there is adequate reason to believe responsible western German CDU leaders are in unofficial contact with eastern German spokesmen and have been for some time.

Para 2: Very vague and generalized. Who are these "segments"? The USSR could offer Germany a great deal beyond "drastic border revisions," such as the end of reparations, withdrawal of troops, etc. Whether the USSR would offer any of these is another question.

Paras 3-6: There is little doubt that the SPD position and intentions are here correctly stated. The source is evidently conversant with accurate information about the SPD but is out of his field of competence when discussing other questions or is deliberately manufacturing his story. WAS FRAN-CIA-PTS 6

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